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July 31, 2018

Vernal Sweeting, Director Rehoboth Outreach Ministry 2925 Murfreesboro Road Antioch, Tennessee 37013

RE: Notice of Termination and Disqualification for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Agreement Number 00-064 and Demand for Overpayment.

Dear Dr. Sweeting:

This letter serves as notice that the Tennessee Department of Human Services ("Department") is terminating the Child and Adult Care Food Program ("CACFP") agreement with Rehoboth Outreach Ministry and Vernal Sweeting, Director (collectively, "Institution"). The grounds for this action are the Institution's failure to correct the serious deficiencies with the Institution's CACFP and the Institution's failure to return the over-payment money due to the Department. The authorization for this action is found in Paragraph 1.e. of your FY 2016 CACFP Provider Agreement and in the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Food and Nutrition Service ("FNS") regulations at 7 C.F.R. § 226.6(c)(3).

The action in this letter is based on the Institution's failure to provide the over-payment money due to the Department and the Institution's failure to provide a Corrective Action Plan that meets the requirements contained on Page 4 of Memo Code CACFP 14-2012 dated May 1, 2012. On November 17, 2017, the Department of Human Services ("Department") sent you a Notice of Serious Deficiency. The notice outlined the following:

- The Sponsor reported incorrect meal counts
- The Sponsor did not provide evidence that sufficient quantities of milk claimed for meals served were purchased
- The Sponsor menus were not in compliance with the USDA meal pattern requirements
- The Sponsor did not ensure that meals served were stored in adequate temperature
- Participants were allowed to take meals off-site and included those meals in the claim for reimbursement
- The Sponsor did not perform monitoring of its feeding sites as required

- The Sponsor did not have a menu posted for the meal observed at all sites
- The Sponsor did not have a working thermometer at one feeding site
- The Sponsor did not have the "And Justice for All" poster displayed
- The Sponsor did not maintain racial/ethnic data and number of potential beneficiaries by category
- The Sponsor did not have an independent board of directors
- The Sponsor did not have adequate financial management system to ensure program accountability
- The Sponsor did not have supporting documentation for expenditures funded by CACFP
- The Sponsor expensed overdraft fees to the CACFP Program
- The Sponsor did not have a written compensation policy
- The Sponsor paid labor cost to personnel who were not approved in the budget
- The Sponsor's time and attendance reports were missing or inadequate for April 2017

This failure resulted in the Department determining that the Institution and the responsible individuals are seriously deficient in their operation of the CACFP and owe an over-payment to the Department in the amount of **\$8,249.07**, as set forth in the monitoring review.

The responsible individual was asked to complete corrective action and return the overpayment. The Department received a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), however, the Institution and responsible individuals failed to return the overpayment. Accordingly, the Department determined that the Institution and the Executive Director and the Board Chair have failed to fully and permanently correct the serious deficiency cited in the Serious Deficiency Notice.

As a result of the Institution's failure to return the overpayment, a Notice of Proposed Termination and Disqualification was issued February 16, 2018. The Institution did not appeal the Notice of Proposed Termination. As a result, the Institution's CACFP Provider Agreement is formally terminated as of the date of this letter and Rehoboth Outreach Ministry and Vernal Sweeting, Director are disqualified from future CACFP participation as required by the CACFP regulations at 7 C.F.R. § 226.6 (c)(3)(iii)(E).

Institutions and individuals remain on the NDL until USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, in consultation with the Department, determines that the serious deficiencies have been corrected, or until seven years after their disqualification. However, if any debt relating to the serious deficiencies has not been repaid, they will remain on the NDL until the debt and any accrued interest is repaid. In accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 226.14(a), in part, the State agency must assess interest beginning November 17, 2017. For information about applied interest rates please visit the following website:

http://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/rpt/cvfr/historical_rates.htm

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allette Vayda at (615) 313-3769.

Sincerely,

Allette Vayda

Director, CACFP & SFSP



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March 19, 2018

Vernal Sweeting, Director Rehoboth Outreach Ministry 2925 Murfreesboro Road Antioch, Tennessee 37013

Notice of payment due to findings disclosed in the monitoring report dated November 17, 2017 for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Institution Name:	Rehoboth Outreach Ministry	·
Institution Address:	2925 Murfreesboro Road Antioch, Tennessee 37013	- - ,
Agreement Number:	00-064	
Amount Due:	\$8,249.07	
Due Date:	March 17, 2017	·

Based on the monitoring report issued on October 30, 2017 by the Audit Services Division within the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Community and Social Services - Food Programs - CACFP & SFSP management has agreed with the findings which require your institution to reimburse the Department of Human Services for disallowed meals cost.

Please remit a check or money order payable to the *Tennessee Department of Human Services* in the amount of \$8,249.07 by the due date to:

Tennessee Department of Human Services
Fiscal Services 11th Floor
Citizens Plaza Building
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1403

Please note that the unallowed cost/overpayment of the CACFP is subject to an interest charge. The interest charge will be waived if the payment is received by the due date. If payment is not received by the end of the 5th day of the due date, an interest charge may be added to the original amount due and will be billed to your entity.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact Allette Vayda, Director, Community and Social Services - Food Programs - CACFP & SFSP at (615) 313-3769 or <u>Allette Vayda@tn.gov</u>.

Thank you for your attention